

## Self-Declaration Form

Dear Volunteer

Due to some incidents of sexual harassment, which occurred in the frame of national youth work in Germany over the last years, there was a new law introduced concerning the protection of minors. Part of this law is the implementation of a structure to prevent and to combat against sexual molestation. One measure is to ask the ones who will be responsible for minors during the activities in workcamps for a signed Self-Declaration Form. Please read this paper carefully and please sign it.

*We would like to ask you to send a copy to our office (see contact in head of the letter) and to bring the original with you to the workcamp.*

ICJA yap-cfd workcamps will offer minors an environment, in which they are able to develop their personality, abilities and creativeness. These should be secure places, where minors feel safe and comfortable. The youngsters need and look for role models, who will respect them as individuals and whom they can trust. The volunteers and the full/part-time employees of a workcamp are responsible for the safeguard of the minors. Furthermore they are obligated to communicate about violation of the comfort zone of the minors by the colleagues. The first choice would be to contact the officials of the organization. This will be confirmed by signing this Self-Declaration Form:

I oblige myself, to do all that is in my power, to prevent any mental, physical or sexual abuse happening to the minors under my guard.

1. I try to encourage/support the minors in their development in becoming independent personalities. I respect their rights and dignity.
2. I will try to handle the matter of distance and personal space regardfully and responsibly. I will respect the privacy and the personal limits of the youngsters under my guard and my own limits. I will pay full attention to the topic in association with media, especially the use of mobile phones/smart phones and internet.
3. I stand against discriminating, violent and sexist behavior, either in words or in action. In case the employees (youth workers/social workers) behave incorrectly, use sexual assault or physical violence against the minors, I will take the needed measures to protect the minors. I will also intervene if the minors I am responsible for, would attack the others the same way.
4. I am aware of my position as an authority and fiduciary for the minors under my guard (trusted to me) and act comprehensible and fair. I will not take advantage of my status and I will not exploit their dependence.
5. I assure, that I have not been convicted of any crime in connection to sexual violence and insofar no investigations have been initiated against me.

Place and Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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